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H1N1 vaccinations for active duty personnel, family members expected to arrive in November

WASHINGTON – The best protection against both Seasonal and Novel H1N1 (swine) influenza is vaccination. The vaccines are safe, effective, and have minimal risk profiles. We urge everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine to be immunized as soon as it becomes available. H1N1 vaccine will be available soon for both active-duty servicemembers and their families.

Vaccine for active-duty personnel will be coming directly from the Military Vaccination suppliers and should begin to be available the first week of November; vaccines for family members will be coming from State Health departments and may be available prior to active duty vaccinations.

Because vaccinations for active duty and families are coming from different suppliers (same manufacturers!), vaccine supplies will arrive at different times, making it likely that active duty and family members will receive their vaccines at different times.

Initial supplies will be provided to those at highest risk: Pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, all people from 6 months through 24 years of age, persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

Sufficient novel H1N1 vaccine should be available for everyone by the end of the year. We appreciate everyone's patience while the supply catches up with the demand.

About North Atlantic Regional Medical Command (www.narmc.amedd.army.mil)

The North Atlantic Regional Medical Command is America's leading regional health care system focused on Soldier readiness and academic excellence while providing well-coordinated care for Soldiers, retirees and their families. We are committed to building health care teams and medical leaders of competence and character for a lifetime of service to the nation.

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